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Plymouth House Director

Rev. Edward M. Reighard, Jr., has arrived to take up his duties as Director of Plymouth House and of the educational program of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Mr. Reighard, who succeeds Rev. G. A. Casaday, has come from the church at Littleton, Mass. He has had splendid preparation, and much experience. His theological training was taken in three seminaries—Pacific School of Religion, Chicago, and Yale. He was student assistant at First Congregational Church, San Francisco, under Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, and at the La Grange Church, Illinois. For some years he directed the student program of First Congregational Church of Cambridge, Mass., under the leadership of Rev. Raymond Calkins. For about four years he was in charge of the religious program at Babson Institute. He comes with the finest testimonials of his ability as a leader of students, and will be a worthy successor of the outstanding men who have held that position during the years, including Miles B. Fisher, Richard R. Morgan, Fred R. Morrow, and G. Arthur Casaday. Mr. Reighard, who is unmarried, will live in Plymouth House, where the trustees of First Congregational Church have prepared very comfortable living quarters.

THANK YOU

Rev. Harley H. Gill, Conference Superintendent and Editor of The Pacific, has endured an unusual vacation. He entered Alta Bates Hospital on July 14 for a slight operation, expecting to be out within a week, but a heart complication arose, necessitating his remaining in bed for about seven weeks. He has now returned to his home, and expects to be back in the office in about three weeks' time. Although in grave danger at one time, the doctors assure him that he will be completely and permanently cured provided he slows his tempo for some time to come. For more than a month he has been handling important correspondence from his room. Hosts of friends have sent letters, cards, and flowers to express sympathy and speed his recovery, for which he is deeply grateful.

SYLVAN DALE

Rev. Stewart E. Locke of Auburn and Rev. James D. Salmon of Cotati and Penngrove attended the Sylvan Dale Conference and summer school near Estes Park, Colo., which was held under the auspices of the Board of Home Missions for a month beginning the middle of June. They report a strong faculty, splendid fellowship, profitable discussion, and a great deal of help and inspiration. Among the faculty were Professor Nels Ferre of Andover Newton Theological School, our own Hugh Vernon White, Rev. W. C. Timmons of Connecticut, and Rev. William F. Frazier of New York.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 17-19: Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

November 15-16: Laymen's Retreat, Saratoga.

November 15-16: Laymen's Retreat, Marysville.

December 6-7: Laymen's Retreat, Byron Hot Springs.

December 6-7: Laymen's Retreat, Tulare.

STATE CONFERENCE AT STOCKTON

The program committee for the State Conference, consisting of Moderator Charles T. Tinker, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and Superintendent Gill, are rapidly completing the program for the annual meeting to be held in Stockton October 17 to 19.

For the first time in our history the annual meeting is to be held on a week-end, beginning Friday at two o'clock and continuing up to and including a supper meeting on Sunday night. This departure from tradition was voted at the last meeting in response to the urgent request of our laymen, who have found it impossible to attend annual meetings held in the middle of the week.

As a special feature of the Conference the laymen will hold a luncheon on Saturday noon, which will be followed by a series of addresses by laymen and one by Rev. William F. Frazier of New York. At the same hour the Federation of Congregational Women will be holding its fall meeting, and ministers will have a conference by themselves.

Worship services will in the main be conducted by pastors of foreign speaking churches, including Mr. Norio Ozaki of Oakland Japanese Church, Rev. B. H. Kissler of the Free Cross Church of Fresno, and Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian of the Pilgrim Church of Fresno.

Visiting speakers will include Rev. William F. Frazier, Executive Vice-President of the Board of Home Missions of New York, Pattie Lee Coghill, also of the Board of Home Missions, and in all probability a speaker to be provided by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The theme of the Conference will be "This Gospel we Preach."

The Conference sermon will be preached by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Among those who have accepted a place on the program are Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, Rev. Holland F. Burr of Piedmont, Rev. F. W. Gross of Lodi, recently returned from the German mission field in Argentina, Rev. P. N. Bennett of Weaverville, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose, and Professor John C. Bennett of Pacific School of Religion. Other speakers and their themes will be announced in the October issue and in printed programs which are in the course of preparation.

The committee and the laymen are especially anxious that pastors shall arrange to have their pulpits cared for in order that they may attend even on Sunday. While the laymen object to having the State Conference at a time when they cannot be present, they do not want to monopolize the meeting and urge laymen in the churches to take over the pulpits for that one Sunday and give their pastors a vacation.

"SHARE IT"

There has been formed recently a Congregational Christian Fellowship of Tithers. This is a national, informal, voluntary group of friends who deeply believe in proportionate giving to the church and other Christian agencies. It is reported that signed cards are coming in rapidly to the Enrollment Committee, Room 707, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. A personal word from Dean Charles R. Brown has been printed under the title "Share It," and may be secured from the Committee, together with enrollment cards. We quote briefly from the leaflet: "If the Christian people of this one land, rich in its resources and prosperous beyond all the other lands of the earth, could be moved to give a tenth to the Lord, it would seem at once as if all our benevolent activities had been harnessed to some Niagara of power. There would come a new thrill of life along the whole line of religious effort, and presently we would see the kingdom of God on earth coming with power and great glory."

WAR RELIEF

NOTICE! In these days of many urgent appeals for war relief, some of them promoted by old time friends, churches will of course exercise their own discretion, but let us not forget that our own denomination has its very splendid plan of relief sponsored by the Committee on Assistance to War Victims, endorsed by our Conference Board, through which our gifts go quickly to worthy objects without deduction for overhead. Remittances may still be made through the State office.

DR. STOCK COMING

At the urgent request of the Conference Committee on Religious Education, President McGiffert of the Pacific School of Religion has completed plans for Dr. Harry T. Stock to teach at the Pacific School of Religion during the winter quarter, November 10 to February 13.

Dr. Stock, who is the general secretary of our national Division of Christian Education, is nationally recognized as an authority on religious education. He is eminently fitted for his position as professor of religious education. We in northern California are fortunate indeed to have him here.

Under the guidance of the Conference Committee, plans for institutes for teachers of church schools in the various areas are being worked out. Conferences of two to three days, or weekly meetings of two to three weeks' duration, are the plan of the Committee.

The Bay region teachers will be privileged to attend a series of Monday evening seminars starting in November and lasting six weeks. Further information will be sent to all pastors and Sunday School superintendents.

Requests for institutes, conferences, or speaking engagements using Dr. Stock, should be sent as soon as possible to the Conference Committee on Religious Education, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, in care of Rev. E. T. Sherman. Dr. Stock has requested that he be given no preaching assignments.

Financing of these institutes will be by a nominal registration fee.

Pacific School of Religion commenced its autumn quarter on Aug. 25. The address was given by Rev. Clifford Manshardt, Ph.D., of Bombay, India. Dr. Manshardt is to teach a course at the School this fall. Dr. Fritz Kunkel is to teach "The Religious Worker as a Counsellor" as well as another course during this first quarter.

Loyalty Month

The Conference Committee on Forward Movement in the Churches, headed by Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, has called the attention of all pastors to the plan of the national Commission on Evangelism and Devotional life for "Christian Consecration and Loyalty Month."

A printed message to pastors has been sent which outlines a program for the autumn, and especially for the month of October, tells of suggested helpful material. The objectives are as follows:

A new loyalty to Christ and His Church.

The reconsecration of all members of the church.

To bring new members into the Christian fellowship.

A better understanding of our task—community, state, nation.

To reach more young people with a vital religious program.

The better support of the work of the church at home and abroad.

A revitalized worship—public and private.

The enlistment of lay workers and their training for specialized service.

The bettering of social, business, and racial relationships.

Increased cooperation with all Christians in Christian unity.

Important dates to be noted are:

October 5—World Communion Sunday.

October 12—Family Sunday.

October 19—Youth Sunday.

October 26—Christian Mobilization Sunday.

Further help may be secured from the Committee or the state office.

MISSIONARIES ARRIVE

Missionaries have continued to arrive from China and Japan throughout the summer. Among them have been Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Whitaker, Rev. A. C. Hausske, Rev. Robert E. Chandler, Rev. J. A. Hunter, Rev. C. P. Garman, Miss Helen H. Smith, Miss Susan E. Armstrong, Miss Hazel M. Atwood, Miss Maryette H. Lum, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Beard, and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Newell.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach of Dansalan, P. I., came through San Francisco en route to Mexico City, returning thence to Honolulu. He will be back on the mainland about the middle of September, on his way to Pennsylvania.

WHITAKER AVAILABLE

Churches, pastors, women's organizations, and young people's groups will be glad to know that Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, recently returned from China, will be available for a limited number of speaking engagements. He is well known in our Conference, having been pastor at Paradise, Porterville, and Tulare, but a great part of his active ministerial career has been in China. His recent period of service was in the occupied area and he is well acquainted with conditions under the Japanese regime. He can be reached at 196 Claremont Avenue, San Jose, California.

ARRIVAL

Douglas Hamilton Gregg arrived at Porterville, August 8, 1941, weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces. He was promptly welcomed by Rev. John H. Gregg, his father, Lois Hamilton Gregg, his mother, and Carol Anne Gregg, his sister. He came in time to assist the family in moving to the parsonage at 1256 Divisadero Street, Fresno.

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HOLD THAT GAIN!

Still ahead of 1940, but slipping back quite seriously from the splendid advance which was noted in June. These are the impressions one gets from the comparison of the figures below, as revealing the gifts of the churches. Up to June 1 nearly $2000 more had come in than in the like period of 1940. Now that vacations are over, we strongly urge treasurers to make their remittances promptly, particularly during September that there may be a good report for the annual meeting of the State Conference.

Church	June 1-Aug. 31, 1941	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, '41	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31, '40
Adin	$ 9.63	$ 18.63	$ 13.75
Alameda	....	202.50	241.56
Alturas	....	12.05	10.58
Angels Camp	37.50	77.00	68.75
Antioch	20.53	41.26	22.50
Auburn	....	60.00	....
Benicia	....	20.00	5.00
Berkeley, Chinese	....	25.00	....
First	662.34	2,959.30	3,380.27
North	141.68	296.04	309.41
Park	14.53	37.60	29.60
Callahan	....	5.13	....
Campbell	80.00	148.00	100.00
Cedarville	50.00	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	7.87	36.69	40.52
Cotati	11.79	43.29	42.50
Crockett	12.98	37.12	20.02
Etna	....	6.85	....
Eureka	49.69	240.18	281.49
Fairfax	....	15.00	....
Ferndale	124.40	242.21	146.26
Fresno, First	87.50	311.42	537.01
Japanese	....	10.00	....
Pilgrim	....	110.00	125.10
Glen Ellen	....	20.00	....
Guerneville	....	....	6.50
Hayfork	....	5.00	10.00
Hayward	....	100.00	50.00
Kenwood	....	3.00	5.30
Lewiston	....	....	.18
Lodi, First	121.00	655.00	743.00
Loomis	15.49	25.91	28.25
Martinez	105.64	227.70	135.28
Murphy	....	81.00	77.50
Niles	8.70	8.70	8.00
Oakland, First	836.00	2,991.00	2,936.62
Fruitvale	11.00	26.28	34.00
Pilgrim	9.00	25.69	20.58
Plymouth	207.57	445.04	482.11
Oroville	11.22	33.09	43.54
Pacific Grove	45.60	126.77	128.75
Palo Alto	....	538.50	511.00
Paradise	50.00	154.00	150.00
Parlier	....	10.00	....
Penngrove	6.00	14.66	9.64
Pescadero	....	2.50	....
Petaluma	10.00	266.77	298.75
Pittsburg	35.96	104.71	89.45
Porterville	90.00	190.00	155.00
Redwood City	170.70	381.89	382.98
Reedley	....	5.00	....
Rio Vista	....	37.50	37.50
Ripon	31.82	76.06	108.76
Sacramento	231.17	515.63	448.88
Salida	....	20.00	2.00
San Carlos	19.70	32.94	66.11
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	2.50	106.94	189.04
First	279.06	1,473.06	939.03
Ocean View	20.00	60.00	25.00
Richmond	....	....	50.00
San Jose	200.00	420.00	438.50
San Leandro, Broadmoor	15.39	54.12	58.91
San Mateo	263.57	570.06	299.60
San Rafael	30.00	30.00	27.73
Santa Cruz	210.00	405.00	505.00
Santa Rosa	35.00	98.25	126.29
Saratoga	85.72	190.39	183.96
Sebastopol	30.41	109.51	105.43
Sonoma	22.20	69.90	59.60
Soquel	30.86	50.00	69.65
Stockton	119.53	338.90	400.87
Suisun	....	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	....	4.95	3.56
Sunol	....	25.00	....
Tulare	60.00	310.00	169.00
Weaverville	20.00	75.00	65.60
Woodside	....	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	90.93	278.60	280.32
Miscellaneous and Individual	185.58	1,391.68	1,287.03
	$5,027.76	$18,384.07	$17,789.45

Y. P. CONFERENCE REPORTS

Seven youth conferences, with excellent directors, fine faculty members, well chosen courses of study, and an increased number of delegates over last year, is a concise summary of this summer's conferences. The 1941 Pilgrim Fellowship conferences made significant contributions to lives of both delegates and faculty members. It would be difficult to find a week that young people could spend to greater advantage to themselves and their home churches than at one or more of these conferences.

Three conferences were held immediately after the close of school, three in mid-summer, and one at the close of the summer season. The June issue of The Pacific gives a detailed outline of the program for each conference, and these programs were carried out effectively.

Eight specialists were brought to us from other fields who gave interesting world views of present conditions and needs. They were loaned to us through our national offices. These specialists were as follows: Dr. R. W. Gammon, special representative of the national Division of Christian Education; Miss Lucille Day, missionary from India; Mrs. Alice B. Keedy, missionary from Africa; Mrs. Markham, missionary from Africa; Dr. Frank C. Laubach, missionary from the Philippine Islands; Mr. Henry Rust, president of National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship; Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, missionary from China; and Miss McMoran, lecturer on China, Japan, and India.

It is interesting to note the attendance at these various conferences: Sequoia, 70; Loma Mar No. 1, 65; Lakewood, 72; Zephyr Point, 114; Lokoya, 91; Loma Mar No. 2, 38; Young Adult, 48; a total of 498.

Space permits only a few of the items of special interest.

An extract from the report of Rev. Arthur L. Rice, director of the Sequoia Conference: "A fine spirit of cooperation, making six happy days of work and play. Dr. Frank Laubach, just arrived from the Philippines, made a fine contribution to the camp's wider horizons."

Rev. Victor H. Morgan, director of Zephyr Point Conference, writes: "Zephyr Point Conference is designed to serve all of our Northern California churches, yet the Bay Association sent two-thirds of the delegates, sixty to be exact; the Santa Clara was next with eighteen, followed in turn by the Sacramento Valley with six, all from one church, the Redwood Empire with five, the Upper Bay with four (from one church), the Central with three, and the San Joaquin with one. A Conference-wide enterprise is deserving of more general participation. Seven churches listed in the Conference Handbook as reporting young people's membership of 1042, had no delegates at Zephyr Point."

Rev. Verdette Walters, director of Lokoya Conference, is quoted as follows: "Eight content courses of study and five elective workshop projects were made especially interesting by the well chosen faculty members, and relating them to the Conference theme, 'Pilgrims Marching Forward.'"

Mr. George Linn, director of the Lakewood Conference: "Especially pleased with the attendance being doubled over last year. Interest and cooperation one hundred percent. Rain laid the dust but did not dampen the interest and enthusiasm."

Rev. Sidney Buckham, director of Loma Mar No. 2 (West Bay): "Two high points, a visit to the Quaker-Congregational work camp at Mountain View and the sunset vespers on the beach near Pescadero. Just as the sun was setting on August 19 over a crystal clear Pacific and two ocean liners approached each other on the horizon, the entire conference was seated on the rocks facing the west and singing together, 'Day is dying in the west; heaven is touching earth with rest.' It was one of those unforgettable moments."

Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, director of Loma Mar No. 1 (East Bay): "The best Conference yet. Chapel in the grove of redwoods and the candlelight installation of officers were highlights."

The Young Adults' Conference, with Rev. E. T. Sherman as adviser, doubled its attendance at Loma Mar, and had Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of China and Miss McMoran, world traveler and lecturer, as high point speakers.

In each conference there was fine cooperation by local pastors and lay women as faculty members and counselors. One pastor said, "This is a worthwhile investment."

P. F. ELECTS

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California held its election of officers at the Zephyr Point Conference, choosing the following persons to serve for the coming year:

President, Miss Joanna Wilder of Salida; 1st Vice-President, Ted Winslow of Santa Rosa; 2nd Vice-President, Miss LaVerne Brookover of Fairfax; Secretary, Miss Elva Spiess of Oakland First Church; Editor of "The Light," Miss Dorothy Nelson of Alameda.

Theodore Nichols of First Church, Oakland, the Past President, will continue to serve on the Cabinet, together with area representatives. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, Adult Adviser and Coordinator of Summer Conferences, is also a Cabinet member.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OBSERVING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK, September 28 to October 5, 1941

1. Observance in Local Churches and Sunday Schools.
2. Dedication service of Teachers to their task and opportunities.
3. Special sermon by the minister as to the value of Religious Education.
4. Special programs on phases of religious education in the Young People's meetings. Inviting parents and other adults.
5. Retreats for church school workers.
6. Open house in the Church School with display of curriculum and hand work.

BOOK CLUB

Thirty Northern California pastors have signed up as members of the 1941-42 Book Club, and have already received a first book. Titles for this year include:

"Nature and Destiny of Man" (Niebuhr).

"Christianity: an inquiry into its nature and truth" (Rall).

"This is the Victory" (Weatherhead).

"Faith is the Answer" (Blanton-Peake).

"Christian Realism" (John C. Bennett).

"South of God" (Belfrage).

"Theology for Christian Youth" (Gray).

"Form and Freedom in Worship" (Seidenspinner).

"What is Christianity?" (Morrison).

"City of Man: a Declaration of World Democracies."

Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. Robert W. Inglis constituted the Committee on Selection.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, was honored by the invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Pomona College, his alma mater. He and Mrs. Giffen have enjoyed a long vacation trip through the northwest.

STILL SERVING

The Congregational Christian churches of the United States, through the American Board, are carrying forward a vast, creative enterprise. Together we serve the basic human needs of 60 million people, train leaders for the younger churches in 12 countries, build the foundations for just and durable peace, and strengthen the world-encircling Christian movement. The American Board of Foreign Missions has carried on through five wars in which the United States was actively engaged. It was founded in the shadow of the War of 1812. It seeks not only to give aid to stricken peoples in war areas, but to keep alive for the days of reconstruction ahead the forces of goodwill as represented by the Christian Church. "War complicates but does not halt" is the answer of the American Board to the problems of today.

GUERNEVILLE. Two successful Vacation Bible Schools were held, one at Guerneville and one at Monte Rio. Mr. J. P. Senter, the pastor, was called upon to preach the baccalaureate sermon in Sebastopol High School, and to conduct worship for a visiting Boy Scout Officers' Camp. During his absence on vacation, Mr. Henry Haydon, an entering student at Pacific School, supplied the pulpit.

SANTA CRUZ. Four new members were received into fellowship, making a total of 43 this year. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, his son, Leland, took entire charge of the morning services. The church reports an unusual loss in membership from death during the first half of this year, two having been members for more than 50 years.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Plans are progressing for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Murphys Church, on September 28, 1941. The buildings are being fully reconditioned in anticipation of the event. Everything is in readiness for the reopening of the church schools in Angels Camp and Murphys. The pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, spent his vacation in Portland, Oregon, with his son.

RIPON. Members are warm in their praise of the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hacke, who started work in July. At a fellowship dinner, the Hackes were welcomed and Rev. W. L. Rowan, ad interim pastor, was honored for his services. A successful Vacation Bible School is reported. Several Pilgrim Fellowship members were delegates to the Lakewood Summer Conference.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The Cradle Roll Secretary of the Church School reported having made 865 calls in one year—initial and follow-up visits. Cradle Roll membership stood at 142. Six young people from this church attended the Zephyr Point Conference. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. The 76th anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, and fourteen new members were received into fellowship. Following the service ,there was a pot-luck luncheon in the outdoor living room. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Steininger, conducted the course for Young Adults at the Zephyr Point Conference.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. During the absence of the pastor, Dr. B. C. Wong, the pulpit was occupied on July 13 by Rev. Y. S. Tom, former co-pastor and a recent visitor to China. The church reports a substantial sum in the Building Fund, contributed by members and friends.

ADIN. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, reports that his vacation month was spent in improving and renovating the parsonage.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, served on the faculty at the Zephyr Point Conference, and was chaplain of the Pacific Southwest Summer School for Y. M. C. A. Secretaries. In addition to Dr. Loper, three other members of this church assisted on the faculty at Zephyr Point. The College of Life fall program began on Sept. 7, with Dr. George Hedley of Mills College speaking on "Light and the Lamps." A number of special guests spoke at the church during the summer, including Dr. Brewer Eddy, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Dr. Herman F. Swartz, Dr. E. A. Van Nuys and Dr. J. Merle Davis. A supper reception to Rev. Edward Reighard, new director of Religious Education and Student Activities, was tendered by the four young people's groups of the church on the first Sunday in September.

RIO VISTA. Union services were held with the Baptists during the months of July and August with satisfactory attendance. The Sunday School had especially good summer attendance. The children enjoyed an outing at the Vacaville swimming pool in June .A beginning was made with a daily vacation church school. The Ladies' Aid Society furnished the church kitchen with a new hotel-size gas range of the best manufacture. Four delegates represented the church at Zephyr Point and six at Lokoya.

SEBASTOPOL. The church has been happy with the services of Henry H. Hayden, recently from Connecticut, as assistant to the pastor this summer. His work with the young people and his pulpit work "while the pastor was in dry dock" all has endeared him to the entire community. Mr. Hayden will be a student at Pacific School of Religion this fall. Rev. George E. Atkinson, pastor, and Mrs. Atkinson visited Lokoya Camp for one day, where Mr .Atkinson gave the chapel talk. Mr. Atkinson is improving in health.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. On July 27 the church celebrated its ninety-second anniversary, Mr. Charles M. Bufford, as historian, giving the highlights of the church's record from 1849 to the present, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, preaching the sermon. On a recent Sunday Dr. Pierce spoke on "Two Pulpiteers: Charles F. Aked and James L. Gordon." Dr. Aked, during whose pastorate, from 1911 to 1915, the present edifice was erected, passed away in Los Angeles on August 12.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, recently called from Porterville to the pastorate of this church is now on the field and at work. The church has published a booklet, "Introducing our new Minister," with statements by Dr. Earl H. Coleman, moderator of the church, the Conference superintendent, and Rev. Norman B. Henderson and Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, former pastors.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, is planning to use Sunday evenings for Bible study. He will have the congregation gather about tables in the parish house with their Bibles and with outlines of the studies which he has been preparing. The church has purchased a new mimeograph, which will be used in publishing these outlines and also the monthly bulletin, "The Friendly Page."

ALTURAS. The pastor, Rev. Theodore Schulz, has held services at Tionesta and Camp Hackamore in addition to his regular work in Alturas, and is looking forward to possible plans for Likely. A family picnic was held one evening in Alturas. Two dozen Pilgrim Hymnals have been secured to supplement an inadequate supply.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Thirty-two young people joined the church on Youth Sunday. During Dr. Reidenbach's vacation in July, the pulpit was supplied by Dr. Reynold B. Boden of Los Angeles, Dr. George Hedley, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The church was well represented at the summer young people's conferences, Miss Mae Baudin, director of religious education, conducting a class at Loma Mar on Story Telling and Dramatization, and 22 young people being in attendance at Zephyr Point. On August 24 the speaker at the Adult Forum was Rev. Theodore Fieldbrave, who spoke on "Constructive Comparison of Religions of India."

TRINITY COUNTY. Arrangements have been made for monthly preaching services in Hyampom and Trinity Centre. The High School and County music instructor has been secured as choir director for the Weaverville church. Ladies' Aid, Trustees, and other friends have cooperated to install an electric range and water heater in the parsonage, as well as new bathroom fixtures. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, has completed his first year in the county, and reports having preached more than 140 sermons in the year.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The first vesper service under the direction of Rev. Pierson Parker of North Church was held on September 7. During the summer the building has been thoroughly cleaned and the grounds improved. Two junior high girls made new curtains for the Primary and Beginners' rooms. A bulletin board, to be constructed by volunteer labor, is to be placed at the side of the House. Mr. Herb Dimock, the director, reports plans well under way for the annual financial campaign.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. Dr. M. G. Papazian, at the close of his ad interim year, reported that 16 new members were added, 97 is the present membership, with average attendance at Sunday morning worship of 97 and at church school 42, and that 60 families constitute the parish. During the year the church has become self-supporting. Dr. Papazian is now in Los Angeles supplying the pulpit of the Gethsemane Armenian Church.

FAIRFAX. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Meyer, reports a very successful Vacation Church School with 72 children enrolled and 20 leaders and helpers. Working through the county ministerial fellowship, the pastor led a county-wide cooperative Vacation Church School picnic and field day, with five churches participating. During the summer, there have been a series of Sunday evening services with guest speakers participating.

SANTA ROSA. Because the pastor, Rev. Wilfred Withington, though home from the hospital, found it necessary to continue resting and was unable to carry the summer program of the church alone, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foster of Berkeley came to assist. Mr. Withington writes that they have done a nice piece of work. Mr. Foster is a student at the Pacific School of Religion.

OROVILLE. Rev. C. C. Champlin has been serving as stated supply since August first. During July and August the Congregational and Methodist churches united their services, the Sundays of July being cared for by the Methodist minister and those in August by Mr. Champlin. Active plans for the fall program are under way.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed has returned from a long summer vacation trip which has taken him as far as New England and has permitted visits with relatives.

REDWOOD CITY. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, in July the pulpit was occupied by a series of ministerial supplies. The Plymouth Guild held several garden meetings during the vacation months. Equipment is being added to the church kitchen in preparation for the fall and winter suppers and affairs, and the church has been largely redecorated as a part of a complete plant renovation. The church's Boy Scout troop, using tents and equipment largely furnished through efforts of the Junior Guild, won many top awards in its first encampment.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Seven young people from these churches attended summer conferences this year. On their "work night" held each week, the young people have cleared up the ground around both churches, and they are now planning to renovate a small building at the end of the Penngrove Church for a meeting place. A group of men from the Penngrove community devoted Labor Day to painting the church, and the Ladies' Aid is planning to secure a new carpet. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

SOQUEL. Young people of this church held a three-day conference at Rio Del Mar, with the pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, President A. C. McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, and Chaplain W. M. Frost of Fort Ord as resource leaders. Young people and adults are cooperating to improve the social hall of the church; the primary room has been renovated; and an amplified recording system has been built and donated to the church by one of the members.

BERKELEY, PARK. During the vacation period, Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, turned carpenter to prepare four new class rooms against the reopening of school. Furnishings were donated by friends, and the Sunday School provided lumber. Mr. Watt has worked out a graded course of Bible studies, in mimeographed form, looking toward graduation from the church school. They begin with fourth grade pupils and carry through high school.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert W. Inglis has returned from a month's trip to Nebraska by way of Yellowstone Park. He brought his mother with him to California to spend the winter. Beginning in September Mr. Inglis will give a series of sermons on "Resources for Christian Living," an interpretation of the Lord's Prayer. Miss Mary Coxhead, who has been in charge of community service and well baby clinic, expects to leave soon to attend the Chicago Theological Seminary this fall and winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. September 14 has been designated Rally Day and Homecoming Day, when all departments will resume their regular services after the vacation period. Parsonage and church gardens have been cultivated, with resultant improvement in the appearance of the property. Rev. Ernest Houlding was pulpit guest one Sunday during the summer. Mr. Eugene Sill is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. The new Wicks pipe organ recently installed in the church, was dedicated at a special service on August 17. Rev. Verdette Walters, the pastor, was director of the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, and took a fine delegation from his church.

SAN RAFAEL. The church is happy in the coming of its new pastor, Mr. Willard W. Turner. Mr. Turner, who is anticipating ordination in the near future, served a Congregational Church in Idaho for three years or more.

PORTERVILLE. Rev. John H. Gregg closed his active work at the end of July, having the month of August as vacation. The church has called Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, who begins his service on September first. Dr. Goldsmith comes from the Mission Hills Church of San Diego, where he has been pastor for twelve years. Prior to that he was pastor of the Hyde Park Church in Chicago. He has served as moderator of the Southern California Conference, and will be a strong addition to our forces in the north. The new parsonage is rapidly nearing completion.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Two of the guests who occupied the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Donald F. Gaylord were Mr. Monroe Hess of the Goodwill Industries, and Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi. Mr. Gaylord served as Chaplain at the Loma Mar Summer Conference No. 2. The church reports a "worth while" Vacation School under the direction of Miss English, director of religious education. Incidentally, there have been some fine editorials in "The Spire" by Miss English, as well as a poem in "Advance."

SALIDA. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, who was pastor for a number of years, has been invited to return for one year and is at work. Mrs. Heath is much improved in health following her year of rest. Word comes from Lewis Presnall, who is at Warm Springs, Georgia, that he is getting the best of treatment for his condition which followed an attack of infantile paralysis, and hopes soon to take up active work and complete his theological training.

LODI. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, nine young people and one counselor attended the Lakewood Conference, where Mr. Boone taught two classes and served as pastor of the conference. Four young people have made important contributions to the church services during the vacation period, three serving one month each in the absence of the organist, and one taking charge of a Sunday morning service in the absence of the pastor.

BENICIA. This church celebrated its 75th anniversary on August 3, with several former pastors present. Rev. J. B. Orr, who served the church from 1895-97, preached at the morning service, and Rev. E. W. Houlding spoke at the fellowship supper. President Tully C. Knoles gave the anniversary address in the evening. Fall Rally of the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship is to be held in Benicia on September 28. Rev. Isaac Fleming is pastor.

ALAMEDA. During the summer period this church has had a series of special pulpit guests, including Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Frederick P. Johnson of Hartford Seminary, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Dean C. C. McCown, and the ad interim pastor, Rev. Robert Cleland. Rev. James Muilenburg occupied the pulpit September 7.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be NO meeting of the Federation in September. Various Association meetings will be held instead. Dates are not yet decided upon, except for the Bay Association which will meet the third Thursday at First Church, Berkeley, but Commissioners will be notified.

FIRST FALL MEETING

The Federation started its Fall activities with a double meeting—the first day given to the Executive Board and the second to the regular open meeting of the Federation. The dates, August 27 and 28, were a week later than the usual meetings, in accordance with the provisions of the trial constitution under which we are working this year.

NEW DIRECTOR

One change in our Directors was made by the election of Mrs. Charles Ward of Redwood City to fill out the term of Mrs. Burton Palmer until 1943.

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, brought news from two of the four projects to which we contribute. Miss Henrietta Seeger, nurse at Grant's Congregational Hospital in New Mexico, writes of the need, already beginning and which will be steadily increasing with the coming of winter, of warm clothing for children "blue with cold." Missionary boxes are necessary to keep the hospital going, she writes. We do not have to wait for our Thank Offering ingathering before rallying to that need. Mrs. Gauthier reported that the Young Matron's group of North Congregational Church had sent 50 pounds of new baby clothes to the hospital.

Mrs. Gauthier then read excerpts from a letter from Dr. Alma Cooke in China, from whom Mrs. Evans had also brought messages. There were conflicting reports as to whether the hospital at Lintsing, to which part of our Thank Offering goes, has been closed or merely turned over to the Japanese to operate. In any event, Dr. Cooke feels there is a definite need and wish for her services in North China.

M. E. M. REPORT

The M. E. M. reports were skillfully handled by Mrs. L. E. DeVoss. She called on the various delegates to report on different phases of the conference. Mrs. S. J. Sjoberg gave an excellent summary of the course under Mrs. R. W. Blosser in methods and means of approach to the text "Christian Roots of Democracy." Mrs. L. P. Behrens was equally helpful in her presentation of Miss Maud Baxter's course on children's work. Mrs. De Voss' account of the large number of returned missionaries present was especially interesting. Perhaps outstanding among these were Dr. and Mrs. Emory Ross with years of work in Africa behind them. Dr. Ross spoke of the impact of Christian culture upon African culture, and of the importance of Africa in the present war. Both he and Mrs. Ross gave intimate and revealing glimpses of mission life in Africa. The tenor of all the speakers, said Mrs. De Voss, was the need for community of effort to tackle world problems.

YOUNG PEOPLE

The report of the Young People's summer conferences was brought to us so appealingly by Mrs. E. B. Kientz that we regretted the necessity for curtailing it in any way. She spoke of the Lakewood Conference where the eager interest and enthusiasm of the young people triumphed over inclement weather, and of Zephyr Point, always beautiful, where among the 93 delegates there were 31½ girls to every one boy. Henry Rust, National President of the Pilgrim Fellowship, was present, as was Miss Lucille Day of India, a much loved speaker in this, as in previous years.

Mrs. Dennis Goodsell brought most interesting news from the Near East. There has been no trouble in Turkey, unless it has happened since her last bulletin. None of the schools has been closed except Anatolia College in Salonika, which is being used for refugee work. At the Orlando Childs Pierce College near Athens, Miss Minnie B. Mills, the principal, gave a party for the neglected children of the area, supplying them with food and clothing and much enjoyment. City officials came, too, and looked on with approbation. Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake, whom we all know, with her three children, and Mrs. Herman Kreider, wife of the business manager of the American Hospital at Istanbul, with her two, went to Beirut before the trouble there, hoping to get a boat to America. However, there was a waiting list of nearly 200 and no boat available. So, fortunately for them, they left Beirut just the day before the bombing started, and returned to Tarsus where they are at present safe and comfortable. Less fortunate, perhaps, were Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs, who, on the taking over of Anatolia College for refugee work, attempted to reach America. That was over four months ago and they are still trying. When last heard from they were as far as Trinidad waiting for a boat to complete the trip. The Rev. Everett Blake ("Jack" to his friends) and the other teachers in the school at Izmir (Smyrna) are remaining to continue their work. That school, in common with most others in Turkey, closed the past year in a most flourishing condition and the new year promises to be equally satisfactory.

MINNIE MILLS ASKS AID

One appeal in Mrs. Goodsell's message should receive special attention. Miss Minnie Mills of the Orlando Pierce College has asked that any one who knows her, would try to contact her sister. The ladies of the Federation did not know her sister, but if any reader of "The Pacific" (which sometimes wanders far afield) has any information at all, please contact Mrs. Goodsell, 2614 Dana St., Berkeley. Miss Mills' home was in Magnolia, Iowa.

NEXT MEETING

It is impossible to report all the good things that were given us in this two-day meeting. Some may appear in a later number of "The Pacific." Certain announcements must find place. In October, the Federation will meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Northern California Conference. Place: Stockton. Date: Friday noon to Sunday, October 17-19. Federation luncheon will be held on Saturday, and speakers will be Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, worker among our southern Negroes, and Rev. P. N. Bennett from Trinity County.

PATTIE LEE COGHILL

NOTE: Miss Coghill, who is a most entertaining speaker, will be available for speaking engagements October 20 to 23, inclusive. Contact Mrs. Raymond Fuller for appointments. Mrs. Fuller's address is 266 Arch St., San Francisco. Telephone, DElaware 1730.

MRS. ALICE BROWN FRAME

The ladies who were at the Spring meeting of the Federation at Palo Alto will remember the pleasure of seeing and hearing from Mrs. Alice Brown Frame, then just arrived from China, and will be saddened by the news of her death in the east on August 16. Mrs. Ernest Evans, who brought us the word, told also of the sending of Willis Peck to Thailand.

SYMPATHY VOTE

The news of the long and serious illness of our Superintendent, Dr. Harley H. Gill, came as a shock and surprise to most of the women, and a motion to send him a message of sympathy and hope for speedy recovery was unanimously passed.

CHILDREN'S PROJECT GRACE UNITED, S. F.

The newspapers of San Francisco,—and after them, the general populace of the city, discovered that there are slums in the metropolis by the Golden Gate and that those slums have a rather intimate connection with another of their recent discoveries: that San Francisco has a juvenile delinquency problem—"Dead-end Kids."

In making this discovery, however, (and there is no question of the need for the discovery) they were several years behind the Northern California Federation of Congregational Women who had made it and acted constructively on it when they adopted as one of their Thank Offering projects the Children's Project of Grace United Church of the Mission. For among other things which the rash of maps, diagrams, and charts which broke out on the faces of the San Francisco newspapers showed is that this project is situated in one of the neediest areas of the city, both from the point of view of bad housing and of juvenile delinquency.

Now that others beside our Congregational ladies have made the discovery of this needy situation, good is resulting from it in the form of clarification and systematic exposition. Pictures as well as the above-mentioned maps and charts show just where conditions are worst, as well as the cause-effect relation between crowded, inadequate homes and juvenile delinquency. And the result more than justifies the selection of the Children's Project for support by the women. A map of the worst housing conditions reveals the Church as situated in an area where housing is sub-standard by from 20 to 50 per cent. A map dotted to indicate frequency of boy Juvenile Court arrests for 1940 shows the Church in the exact center of the second most heavily shaded section. An article in the Chronicle spoke of "Lucky Alley" as being one of the two worst spots in town both for poor housing and for juvenile delinquency. "Lucky Alley" is within walking distance of Grace United Church.

In the midst of this appalling need the Children's Project is doing little enough to be sure. But it is doing **something!** It is maintaining a week-day Church School attended by children from this very Lucky Alley, where they can come and learn something of the finer side of life in music, in art, in drama, in crafts, in study of the Bible, in worship. It takes them to summer camp for a whole week, which is the only week all year long for many of them to know anything but the city streets or their dirty, overcrowded, ramshackle "homes." It provides a Saturday morning club for little boys, too young for most of the boys' work being done by other agencies in the region. It teaches them to "sing the Lord's song" in junior choirs. It provides a gymnasium for youth of both sexes and all ages, including a large and flourishing Boy Scout Troop, where athletics, basketball, folk games, and other forms of recreation are possible. A new Cub Scout pack is in process of formation. And little, if any of this would be possible were not the Children's Project supported by business men of the Mission district and by the Federation.

OVERSEAS FLASH

A late report from the American Board states that through the State Department, on September 4, they received word from the Consul General at Tientsin of the arrival of Dr. Alma Locke Cooke at Tehchow, and also that the Mission knows of no instance of American personnel at Tehchow or Lintsing being denied telegraphic facilities and believes they are all well and safe.

Word has also come of the arrival in Shanghai of all remaining missionaries in Japan. Miss Alice E. Cary, Miss Sarah M. Field, Mr. Harold W. Hackett, and Rev. William P. Woodward are expecting to sail for the United States on board the S.S. President Cleveland; Miss Grace H. Stowe plans to go to Madura, India, as a teacher in another American Board School; Rev. Frank Cary and Rev. Darley Downs hope to go to the Philippine Islands for work; and Mr. Jack Hall will sail later when he can secure passage to America.

REV. JOHN R. SHOEMAKER

As The Pacific goes to press word comes of the death of Rev. John R. Shoemaker on September 5 at Sacramento. A story of his life and service will appear in a later issue of "The Pacific."

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